

"Route 20 Unique," Supervisor Robinson Tells Traffic Commission

"Route 20 in Guilderland is unique" Town Supervisor Gordon Robinson maintained at a meeting he had on January 29 with officials of the New York State Traffic Commission, the State Highway Department and the State Police. "There are nine intersections between the Albany city line and Fuller Road. Lots on Western Avenue are small, often only fifty feet wide. Thus there are many driveways opening directly on the highway."

Supervisor Robinson asked the State agencies to keep these facts in mind as they considered his requests for a stop light between the city line and Fuller Road, a stop light at Johnson Road and Route 20 in Westmere and a lowering of the speed limit on Route 20.

The conference was precipitated by an accident in which a little girl was killed on Western Avenue in McKownville last month. The speed limit on Route 20 is 40 miles per hour from the Albany city line to the Northway entrance and 45 miles per hour west of there.

Robinson says he was promised a new traffic survey at the Johnson Road intersection, an investigation of the situation at McKown Road and Westlyn Court in McKownville and a study of how fast vehicles are now moving on the highway. "They were very cooperative, I have high hopes that they're going to do something. I look forward to their making some corrections."